1	2
Central Sector	
Agartala GT	84.0
Nagaland	-
State Sector	
Likim RO	16.0
Central sector	
Doyang	75.0
Arunachal Pradesh	
State Sector	
Tago	4.5
Central Sector	
Ranganadi	405.0
Mizoram	
State Sector	
Bairabi DG	22.9

Mega status for four big power projects

377. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has examined Mega status for four power sector projects;

(b) if so, what are the States in which these four projects will be set up and by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be taken;

(c) whether under Mega power projects policy, import of capital equipment will be free of customs duty for these projects; and

(d) what are other concessions that will be provided after providing Mega status to these big four power projects?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Under the mega power policy announced in November, 1998, 19 power projects were identified as mega power projects which were eligible for the concessions available under the policy. The mega policy was subsequently amended and the concessions are now available to all inter-State projects

which fulfill the basic criteria of minimum capacity of 1000 MW for thermal and 500 MW for hydel projects subject to certification by the Ministry of Power of the required conditions having been met. Thereafter three more thermal power projects of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) have been certified by the Ministry of Power.

(b) The three mega projects of NTPC referred to above fall in the States of Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

(c) Import of capital equipment is free of customs duty for any power generation project which meets the various conditions laid down under the mega power policy and is duly certified by the Ministry of Power.

(d) In addition to the customs duty waiver, the mega power policy also provides for deemed export benefits as per the EXIM policy to domestic bidders for the mega power projects. It also provides for continuance of the income-tax holiday regime with the provision that the tax holiday period of 10 years can be claimed by a promoter in any block of 10 years, within the first 15 years.

Implementation of PMGSY

378. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that habitations of population of 500 or more are proposed to be connected by roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana by the end of 2007;

(b) if so, the details of roads completed by 2003 and proposed to be undertaken during 2004 to 2007;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that PMGSY is implemented in time; and

(d) how the persons engaged in PMGSY are proposed to be engaged after 2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana seeks to provide connectivity to all Unconnected Habitations in the rural areas with a population of more than 500 persons, through good All-weather roads, by the end of Tenth Plan Period (2007). In respect of the Hill States (North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal) Desert Areas and Tribal (Schedule-V) areas, the objective is to connect Habitations with a population of 250 persons and above.